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1. MOST IZMIR MUNICIPAL AND ESHOT (ELECTRIC, WATER AND GAS AUTHORITY) WORKERS HAVE RESUMED THEIR DUTIES AFTER FOUR DAY WORK STOPPAGE. WORKERS AT THE METAS STEEL PLANT STAGED A SHORT DEMONSTRATION MARCH ON SEPT. 20 AND REPORTEDLY ABOUT 1000 WORKERS ARE STILL REFUSING TO WORK.

2. ALIAGA REFINERY WORKERS ALSO HAVE REFUSED TO RETURN TO THEIR JOBS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES REPORTEDLY ISSUED FOLLOWING PUBLIC

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STATEMENT: "WE WILL CONTINUE OUR RESISTANCE UNTIL THE NATIONAL FRONT GOVERNMENT FALLS BY DEMOCRATIC ACTION AND IS REPLACED BY A GOVERNMENT ON THE SIDE OF THE PEOPLE AND JUSTICE". THE CIVIL COURT AT MENEMEN (31 KM. FROM IZMIR) DECLARED THE ALIAGA WORKERS' STRIKE TO BE ILLEGAL AND STATED THAT THEIR CONTINUED REFUSAL TO WORK MADE THEM LIABLE TO DISMISSAL WITHOUT SEPARATION BENEFITS. TURKISH PETROL OFFICE (TPAO) OFFICIALS VISITED ALIAGA AND THEN ISSUED STATEMENT THAT IF WORKERS DID NOT RETURN WITHIN 3 DAYS, THEY WOULD BE FIRED AND REPLACED. MEANWHILE, SUPPLY OF GASOLINE IN IZMIR AREA HAS DROPPED FURTHER, STILL FEWER STATIONS SELLING FUEL.

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3. LOCAL OFFICIALS CONTINUE DENOUNCE STRIKE AND IZMIR'S MAYOR

IHSAN ALYANAK INDICATED TO CONSULATE GENERAL STAFF MEMBER THAT MUNICIPAL WORKERS WOULD NOT RECEIVE WAGES IF THEY CONTINUED TO STRIKE PAST SEPT. 22. ESHOT GENERAL MANAGER, CAHIT GUNAY, TOLD SAME STAFF MEMBER THAT DISK LEADERSHIP HAD REPORTEDLY ADVISED STRIKING WORKERS THAT THEY COULD RETURN TO WORK IF THEY FELT IT NECESSARY BUT THE UNION WOULD "PROTECT" THEM IF THEY CONTINUED THEIR WORK STOPPAGE.

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